



Preparing for the Holidays!

Chipping Update

The FSCNC Residential Chipping Program has little to no wait times. We are encouraging the community to submit requests and continue to complete fuel reduction work throughout the winter month.

For a chipping request, [Click Here!](#)

FREE CHIPPING

Questions?
Call us



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Fire Wise Community Update

Hi Neighbors,
Having met so many of our residents in Nevada County through the Firewise USA® program these past few years, my gratitude extends to you and your communities for making a significant difference while striving to be wildfire resilient – *Mahalo Nui Loa!* Since this is data upload time – with the deadline this year being next Friday, November 17th – you may have noticed NFPA has created a more robust website that includes Firewise USA®. But with all upgrades we sometimes need to work out

the kinks or find if there are lost links. If you come across any, please send me an email describing the page with the link name so I can pass the info onto tech support. While you are on your portal, please become familiar with, and review all the content at your fingertips – every page - as changes may be upcoming and this is where NFPA and/or Cal Fire inform you. Most questions asked of me are answered on your portal. Save yourself some time and take a peek first. If next year you need to update your Risk Assessment or Action Plan (the due dates are on your Dashboard page) you must use the templates on your portal.

Here's a quick link to the log-in page:

<https://portal.firewise.org/user/login>

It's still early, but it appears all 94 Firewise Communities in Nevada County have yet again far exceeded the minimum investment of Time and Expense for the year. Look for an update next month and "Save the Date", Saturday, June 1st for the annual *FireWise Together* fun-raiser that provides cash prizes to those Firewise Communities who participate.

Hau`oli la Ho`omakika`i, Wishing you and your family a very lovely Thanksgiving.
Pat Leach

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Is Your Home Defendable From Wildfire?

Request a free advisory visit today!

AreYouFireSafe.com/dsav
(530) 272-1122

Defensible Space Advisory Visit UPDATE!

Have you had a Free Defensible Space Advisory Visit (DSAV)? Now is a great time of the year for a DSAV!

If you are interested in making your property more fire safe, then this is the program for you. As the rains come, it is normal for fire safety to slip down your list of priorities, but getting a DSAV during the winter is a proactive approach to wildfire preparedness. To schedule a visit, call the Fire Safe Council (FSC) at 530-272-1122, or use the **'Contact Us' form** on the FSC Website

<https://www.areyoufiresafe.com/contact-us>

If a fire comes and you have to evacuate, wouldn't it be nice to come back to find your home still standing? Homeowners who take a few simple steps to 'harden' their homes

and create defensible space greatly increase the likelihood that their home will survive. That's where the FSC Defensible Space Advisors can help.

Trained Advisors are ready to walk around your home with you and provide friendly, knowledgeable advice to help you harden your house and improve the 100 feet around your home. Visits take about an hour. Often, people don't understand what exactly needs to be done. A DSAV will take the mystery out of what to do.

While wildfires are more common in the warmer months, year-round maintenance and preparation are essential to reduce the risk of property damage and enhance overall safety.

By taking action during the winter, you can ensure that your home is better protected and less vulnerable to wildfires whenever they may occur. Sign up now, there is no waitlist!!

Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition Meeting

The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County will be hosting our inaugural meeting of the Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition on Saturday November 11 at 10:00AM. The location will be the community Room at the Truckee Airport. This group is a part of the County Wide Coalition of Firewise Communities that began on the western end of Nevada County and will share reports from CAL FIRE, USFS, Truckee Fire, and Nevada County OES. We will focus on education and programs available to residents on the eastern side of the Sierras in Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties. Please join us for more information, all residents interested in learning more about wild land fire safety are welcome.



Join the Nevada County RCD for two Prescribed Burn Workshops!

You will learn how to locate & prepare a burn site, build control lines, what tools to use, prepare the site for safe burning, such as selective pruning and ladder fuel removal. These workshops will include 4 hours of hands-on education at an actual prescribed burn site. Sign-ups and details for each of the workshops are included below. Information on what to bring and wear are included on the sign-up page.

NOVEMBER 11th - San Juan Ridge Area

When: Saturday, November 11th 9am-1pm

Where: San Juan Ridge. Address to be provided to those who sign up!

December 2nd RX FIRE 101 WORKSHOPS– Nevada County

When: Saturday, December 2nd 9am-2pm

Where: 143 B Spring Hill Drive Gras Valley, CA 95945

Cost: Free

Details: Join us during a 2-day course for an Introduction and overview of prescribed fire basics. Lead by Joaquin Pastrana, Nevada County RCD Prescribed Fire Program Manager and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman, certified California Burn Boss, retired US Forest Service wildland and prescribed fire scientist and practitioner.

1. **Including** : Introduction to prescribed fire for residents and private landowners. Learn about what prescribed burning is and the role of fire historically vs now in shaping our forest and landscape vegetation and wildland fire.
2. Gain knowledge of the use of prescribed fire as a tool to benefit fire safety, native plants and animal habitat, and forest health.
3. Learn about the basics of planning and conducting a prescribed burn safely and responsibly, including permitting and smoke management. Display of native plants adaptations to fire.
4. This workshop is paired with opportunities to participate in demonstration burns as weather and burning conditions allow.

TRUCKEE:

NOVEMBER 18th - PRESCRIBED FIRE 101 IN THE TRUCKEE AREA

Placer RCD and Nevada County RCD are hosting a joint RX Fire 101 Workshop in Truckee on Saturday, November 18! Flier attached and details below. This will be a great workshop for east side landowners at high elevation properties. Topics include permitting, liability, heat management, unit preparation, hazard abatement, fire effects on native plants, and more.

These workshops will include 4 hours of classroom instruction, followed by an hour of facilitated discussion and Q & A. This is a great opportunity for landowners to bring specific questions that they have regarding obtaining permits, questions on liability, or just general questions about prescribed burning in their community. Although this workshop is entirely in the classroom, participants will be invited to prescribed burns throughout the season to gain hands-on experience. We hope to see you there!

Date: Saturday, November 18

Time: 0900 – 1430

Location: Truckee Donner Recreation & Park District, 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee CA 96161

Cost: FREE

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Prescribed Burning - Nevada County Resource Conservation District \(ncrcd.org\)](https://www.ncrcd.org)



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